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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an [X] original patent application or, [] a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) <u>Kevin D. MacLean, Roger W. Sturgeon</u>, entitled <u>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING AN IDENTICAL CELL IN AN IC LAYOUT WITH AN EXISTING SOLUTION</u>.

No. of pages in Application: 23; No. of Claims: 27.

No. of Sheets of Drawings: Formal: 8, Informal: 0.

Also enclosed are:

[]	a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in				
	[] a separate document [] the declaration;				
[]	a certified copy of the priority document;				
[]	an Associate Power of Attorney;				
[]	verified statement(s) claiming small entity status;				
[x]	a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s) in duplicate;				
[]	a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors will follow				
[x]	an Assignment document in duplicate and form PTO-1595;				
[]	a Power of Attorney by Assignee; and				
[]	Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.				

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Basic Application	\$740.00						
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20	7	\$18.00=	\$126.00		
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Total Application	\$1,118.00						
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